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Division of Water Quality
Utah Department of Environmental Quality
Public Notice of Issuance of Ground Water Discharge Permit
Permit No. UGW370007

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Purpose of Public Notice

The Utah Department of Environmental Quality is soliciting comments on its proposal to issue the ground water discharge permit described below under authority of the Utah Water Quality Act, section 19-5-104(1)(i) Utah Code Annotated 1953, as amended and Utah Administrative Code R317-6.

Permit Information

Permittee Name: Energy Fuels Resources Corporation
Facility Name: Energy Queen Mine
Facility Location: La Sal, San Juan County
Mailing Address: 44 Union Blvd., Suite 600
Lakewood, CO 80228

Energy Fuels Resources Corporation (Energy Fuels) proposes to reactivate the Energy Queen uranium mine (formerly called the Hecla shaft) near La Sal, Utah. Before mining can commence, ground water will need to be removed from the flooded mine workings and treated to meet effluent discharge limits under a current Utah Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit. The ground water permit includes a 1.5 million gallon untreated water pond with a double liner system with leak detection, a concrete filter pad, a treatment plant with multimedia filters, and a contingency pond. The permit requires the operator to utilize best available technology in the construction and operation of the treatment system and ground water compliance monitoring of the shallow aquifer to monitor potential impacts of the mine dewatering operation.

Public Comments

Public comments are invited any time prior to **Friday, March 13, 2009**. Comments may be directed to the Division of Water Quality, P.O. Box 144870, Salt Lake City, UT 84114-4870. All comments received prior to close of business **Friday, March 13, 2009**, will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permit. A public hearing may be held if written requests are received within the first 15 days of this public comment period that demonstrate significant public interest and substantive issues exist to warrant holding a hearing.

Further Information

Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling Keith Eagan at (801) 538-6146 or by writing the aforementioned address. Related documents are available for review during normal business hours (Mon-Thurs 7 AM to 6 PM, closed Friday) at the Division of Water Quality, 288 North 1460 West, Salt Lake City.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with special needs (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) should contact Jennifer Burge, Office of Human Resources at (801) 536-4413 (TDD 536-4414).

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